

The Kingdom Focus

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SUNBURN UNIT FINISHES SUMMER SEASON

The WBA Sunburn Unit was operational for 100 days this summer season. It was closed only six days due to rain, and closed early on five days because of weather.

We were blessed to have 55 volunteers work at the unit this summer. These volunteers were from the following churches: FBC Surfside, FBC Murrells Inlet, Timberlake Baptist, Juniper Bay Baptist (youth group), Maple Baptist (youth group), Tilly Swamp Baptist and Irmo Baptist (youth group).

This year, the volunteers ministered to 2031 people during the season. This number included people from every state in the United States as well as people from South Africa, Bulgaria, Germany, Australia, Argentina, Russia, the United Kingdom and Canada.

We praise God for allowing us

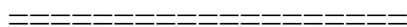


to meet physical needs by handing out water, chapstick, etc.; and also for the opportunity to share the love of Christ with those who may have never heard. Thank you for your prayers and support of

the Sunburn Unit.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Do something special for your pastor that shows him how much you love and appreciate him.



- Give him a card shower
- Have a special luncheon/banquet for him
- Present him with a financial gift or gift card
- Do a special tribute to him in one of the services



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Interim DOM
Mike BeLue

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 2—ACP's due to WBA office
- October 5—Life Chain, Corner of Hwy 501 and 16th Avenue in Conway
- October 20—WBA Quarterly Meeting, Garden City Baptist Church; Meal at 6 p.m., Meeting at 7 p.m.
- November 3—Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

GALATIANS 6: 9, “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

Missions is not only our message it provides meaning to being a Christian. Christ’s commission to the church is to go and make disciples. We exist as churches for worship, witness, and work. There are approximately 2134 Southern Baptist Churches in South Carolina. We have approximately 680,000 church members in the state that has a population of 4.8 million. That means that Southern Baptist Church members represent about 15% of the total population. The church members that make up the Waccamaw Baptist Association related to the population of this area is also a very small percentage. However, the percentage of individuals that actually witness and work in our churches is very small in-

deed.

Even with such a small number engaged in reaching the population of our community much is being accomplished. As we close another summer season at the beach thousands of tourist have been touched by the many varied ministers our churches have committed themselves to support. The few ladies who gave their time to endure the heat in the “Sun Burn” outreach touched hundreds of lives. The churches that provided dinners to lifeguards during the season had a profound impact on young people who will always remember the care and concerns of those who fed them. Then there is the many ministries taking place every day throughout all of our churches that reach into very corner of this county. Your support of Baptist Collegiate Ministry is

making a difference on and off the campus of Coastal Carolina. Assisting the Coastline Women’s Center has saved lives and changed lives for Christ. Our churches involved with English as a Second Language and our Hispanic ministry continues to bear fruit the Kingdom. Then there is the day to day duty to witness to the unchurched and unbelieving that cross our paths daily. God, in His mercy sends us to them, and them to us enabling that divine appointment. This is what the faithful few consistently do because it is all about Jesus. As we join together as an association there is synergy in all we do and we reach more instead of few. Now as the season changes we will encounter new challenges and opportunities to share the goodness and grace of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mike BeLue
Interim DOM

NEWS FROM WACCAMAW WMU

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. 2nd Corinthians 9:15.

What a great scripture verse for children (and adults) to learn and associate with PRICELESS!, the theme for the 2014 Season of Prayer for State Missions and Janie Chapman Offering!

God’s grace was evident as the thunderstorms predicted earlier in the week gave way to sunshine and a soft, gentle rain (it rained only during lunch!!!) as children, leaders, youth, and adults gathered at Huntington Beach State Park on Saturday, September 13. Introductory activities, interactive games, learning about missionaries and their ministries, and prayerwalking on the beach were on the agenda for the day of fun, fellowship, and missions education! What a PRICELESS gift! Deep appreciation to Ken Owens of SC Baptist Convention, student assistants, leaders and volunteers who made the day so memorable! The children gave an offering of \$50.46 for the Janie Chapman Offering.

On September 20, Baptist women

gathered “Down by the River” for fellowship and gaining greater knowledge of the new emphasis as Debby Akerman shared “Secrets to Surrender.” Continuing to raise awareness and to share how churches can help individuals who suffer from post-traumatic stress will be a primary focus of Waccamaw WMU in the coming months.

Plans for the fall include the Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer event hosted by Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church on November 3, and “We’re Here for You” on Saturday preceding the South Carolina State Convention are in the making. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and participate in these special events. And don’t forget about OCC shoeboxes and prisoner packets!

Members of Waccamaw WMU appreciate the gift of joy derived from participating with David Neace and BCM at Coastal Carolina University through “Meal and a Message.” This joy increases as we build relationships

with students and see how they are beacons of light for Christ.

As the year moves along, Waccamaw WMU anticipates exploring the many facets of the new emphasis: **All for You. Surrender • Sacrifice • Serve.**

- **surrender** completely by denying self;
- **sacrifice** willingly by taking up their cross;
- **serve** intentionally by following Christ into their community, state, and world.

Watchword: “Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me’ “ (Mark 8:34 NIV).

2014 Emphasis Book: *Secrets to Surrender* by Debby Akerman

God Bless individuals and churches as they surrender, sacrifice, and serve during this new church year! Waccamaw WMU wishes great joy in all that will be undertaken. Contact us at 248-9358 through the Association Office (248-9358) if there is any way in which we can help you!

God Bless.
Peggy J. Jones

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

School has officially started and we are busy trying to connect with students all over the campuses. Our desire and prayer is that students would see the Lord as trustworthy and faithful! We are praying the Gospel would go forth and students would respond in faith. Would you please join us in praying for these students?

As school began, we have the opportunity to connect with students on several levels. I, along with a couple BCM leadership students, signed up to volunteer to help students move in. This was an incredible opportunity to

serve and get to know freshmen. We also took part in Club Recruitment Day, and on a sweltering August day, we handed out hundreds of snow cones to students. While students were waiting in line, we had BCM students positioned to have conversations with them. We were able to make several great contacts during this time.

Our Thursday night gatherings have officially begun and we are excited to see not only what God is going to do through our large group times, but also we anticipate great things in our small group Bible studies and other events as well. Thank you so much for your incredible support, and please continue to pray for us as we seek to follow the Lord in everything we do!

Praying alongside you for college students,

David Neace, BCM Director
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LIFE CHAIN

A national event to promote a prayerful pro-life witness.

Sunday, October 5, 2014

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Corner of Hwy. 501 and 16th Avenue in Conway. Meet at 1:45 in the Belk parking lot. Signs are furnished. For more information, call Brenda Brown at 234-0918.

**ACP'S ARE DUE
OCT. 2**

WBA CHURCH NEWS

- **Aynor FBC**—Will celebrate their 100 year anniversary beginning on Oct. 11 with games and food for everyone from 5-8 p.m. Revival services will begin on Sunday, Oct. 12 with Michael McGirt speaking at 11 a.m., followed lunch; Rev. Lebron Crisp will speak at 6 p.m., and Dr. Jeff LaBorg will be speaking on Mon. and Tue. At 7 p.m.
- **Cedar Creek**—Pastor Alvin Jackson led a group of 10 from their church on a mission trip to Williamsburg, KY July 27-Aug. 1. They assisted Keith Decker at Cedar Ridge Ministries. They also held a block party at the end of the week and gave out book bags and school supplies. On Aug. 24, they ordained Lloyd Phipps to the gospel ministry. Phipps has been called to Pastor Lawndale Baptist in the Carolina Association
- **Faith Baptist**—Will have Revival Oct. 5-10. Special Speaker will be Mark Stevens. There will be special singing on Sunday morning and each night of the revival. Service will be at 6 pm on Sunday and at 7 pm Monday—Friday.
- **Good Hope Baptist Church**— Will be celebrating their 150th anniversary at the annual Homecoming services at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 5. There will be special music; Pastor John Sullivan will bring the message, and a history of the church will be available to guests. A meal will immediately follow the service. Nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church at 365-6542
- **Living Water Baptist Church**—Will have the Hoppers in concert at 7 pm on Wed., Nov 12 and will have Steve Ladd in concert at 7 pm on Wed., Nov. 19. Nursery will be provided for both concerts. For more information, call the church at 399-5833.
- **Myrtle Beach FBC** - Is searching for a full time Youth Minister. Seminary and experience preferred. Send resumes to pastorbruce@fcbmb.com.
- **Spring Branch Baptist Church**—Will be having Homecoming on October 12. Former Pastor John Elvington will be speaking. Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.



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OFFICE HOURS

M—Th 8:30—4:00
Friday—CLOSED

MYRTLE BEACH PEOPLES' RALLY

Thank you for those of you who joined us in the effort hold the recent Rally to stop the effort to bring Casino gambling to our communities. The Rally was a great Spiritual success and we have been noticed judging from the enemies efforts to contact us with the intent to stop us.

As we continue to prepare for next year's Rally to change the culture for the glorification of our God we will be also working to provide the necessary tools to accomplish it. We are launching myrtlebeachsc.com to establish a Christian community website to transform the community.

Baptist churches spend only 2% of their annual budget on culturing their youth. The market spends 83% of total expenditures on people under the age of 22 and 57% on marketing to kids under age 14.

By the time a child reaches 22 years old, chances of "re-culturing" has dropped 72%. With your support together we can change this landscape for Christ.

Vision 20/20 Transformation Movement is the work we are doing to reach the millennial generation for Christ.

Matthew 21:19-21 *And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on you again forever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If you have faith, and doubt not, you shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if you shall say unto this mountain, Be removed, and be cast into the sea; it shall be done.*

Join us in the fight to reach the lost in our communities statewide. \$1,000 annually from each church will build and maintain the resources needed to accomplish all this. If we change the culture in the power of God on the suffering, local issues and ideas about justice, purpose and meaning God's Kingdom will grow.

Mail your check to Myrtle Beach Peoples Rally, P.O. Box 2563, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29578.

myrtlebeachSC.com

A NEW CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WEBSITE



The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5:17